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Classified By: DCM Thomas F. Daughton; reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) In response to reftel demarche, MFA Director for Security and Disarmament Nassima Baghli told us on May 10 that Algeria would almost certainly support the candidacy of South African Abdul Minty for Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the next round of voting. Baghli noted U.S. support for Japanese Ambassador Yukiya Amano and said that he was certainly a well-qualified candidate, but asserted that Algeria would not change the support for Minty it expressed in the initial round of voting.

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